# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:314
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
COAL MINES
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether coal is being extracted from the open cast and the underground mines;

(b) if so, the total quantum of coal extracted from each type of mines during the last three years;

(c) the productivity rate and average cost of production of each of the said types of mines in the country;

(d) the estimated coal reserves in both these mines and in each of the closed mines as on March, 2002;

(e) whether the Government propose to start mining operation in closed mines in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COAL & MINES(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO(f) OF THELOKSABHASTARRED QUESTION NO.314 FOR ANSWER ON 15.04.2002.

(a)&(b): The total quantum of coal extracted in the country from open cast (OC) and underground (UG) mines during the last three years is as under:

(figures in million tonnes)

| Year | Production | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | OC | UG | Total |
| 1999-00 | 233.21 | 66.83 | 300.04 |
| 2000-01 | 243.56 | 66.07 | 309.63 |
| 2001-02 | 257.77 | 64.84 | 322.61 |

(Provisional)

(c): Productivity in terms of per tonne of raw coal output per manshift (OMS) of open cast and under ground mines and average cost of production in Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) for the year 2000-01 are as under:-

| Company | OMS (tonnes) per tonne) | | | Cost of production (Rupees | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | OC | UG | Total | OC | UG | Total |
| CIL | 5.92 | 0.63 | 2.30 | 377.96 | 1454.78 | 576.19 |
| SCCL | 5.94 | 0.79 | 1.50 | 542.00 | 1280.00 | 905.00 |

(d): The details of coal reserves in operating open cast and operating under ground mines and closed mines as on 31st March, 2002 (Provisional) are as under:-

(figures in million tonnes)

| Company | Operating OC mines | Operating UG mines | Closed mines |
|---|---|---|---|
| CIL | 5679.14 | 5599.31 | 79.42 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| SCCL | 600 | 2400 | 139.22 |

(e)&(f): The decision to restart mining operation in a closed mine is taken by the concerned coal company from time to time after taking into consideration various aspects which include mineable reserve, availability of suitable technology, economic viability, safety etc.